(d) if so, whether the proposal has been prepared and by what time it is likely to be announced; and

(e) to what extent it will be helpful for the people to have cheaper drugs?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of reply to (b) and (c), as above.

Project on health

*248. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the UN's State of World Population Report, 2004, there is an urgent need for India to spend more on health and education;

(b) if so, the percentage of GDP Government are spending on health for the last ten years, year-wise;

(c) the allocation that has been made by Government to health sector during the said period, year-wise and;

(d) the allocation that has been made by all States to health sector during the said period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (d) The UN's State of World Population Report 2004 in the annexure on demographic, social and economic indicators has indicated that public health expenditure on health as a percentage of GDP in India is 0.9%. The Report states that additional resources would be needed at different levels of health systems and for supportive interventions in areas such as education, mortality reduction, women's empowerment and social participation. This has been stated for all developing countries and not specifically in the context of India. In India, total health expenditure as a percentage of GDP has been in the vicinity of 5.2% and public spending

on health is around 0.9%. Year-wise public spending on health as per cent of GDP for 1995—2001 as computed based on data given in WHO Reports is at Statement-I. (*See* below) The allocations made by the Central Government and that made by the States towards health, year-wise over the last ten years, is given in Statement-II.

Statement-I

*Year-wise Public spending on Health as % of GDP**

Year	%
1995	0.81
1996	0.81
1997	0.83
1998	0.92
1999	0.93
2000	0.90
2001	0.91

*Based on data given in the WHO Reports.

Statement-II

Year-wise allocation for health by centre and States

(i) Centre allocation under Health Sector

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Allocation
1994-95	2008.00
1995-96	2251.00
1996-97	2350.00
1997-98	2784.85
1998-99	3684.55
1999-2000	4139.13
2000-01	4920.00
2001-02	5780.00
2002-03	6630.00
2003-04	6630.00

(ii) States/UTs allocations for Health

(Rs. in crore)

Year	State Allocations
1994-95	1241.48
1995-96	1506.89
1996-97	2079.30
1997-98	2290.12
1998-99	3079.74
1999-2000	3518.00
2000-01	3306.63
2001-02	4068.09
2002-03	3704.94
2003-04	4572.59

SOURCE: Health Information of India 2003 and Planning Commission.

Food safety

*249. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a large number of laws seeking to ensure food safety;

(b) whether it is also a fact that none of these laws is effectively enforced; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government are considering any proposal to consolidate or minimize these laws for better enforcement; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) Keeping in view the multiplicity of food laws and enforcement agencies, the Government have constituted a Group of Ministers to propose legislative